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Bill Leonard, Dave Cox, Ted Gaines Host Free Small Business Fair in Auburn

Bill Leonard, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), State Senator Dave Cox, and Assemblyman Ted Gaines today announced that federal, state, and local government agencies will be featured at a free, one day small business fair in Auburn.

“As the State Senator for this area, I am pleased to co-sponsor this informational seminar to assist small business owners during these challenging economic times. Board of Equalization Member Bill Leonard and his staff have worked diligently to put together this important event,” said Senator Cox.

Representatives from the BOE, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, US Small Business Administration, US Department of Labor, Placer County Assessor’s Office, Placer County Office of Economic Development and other state, local, and federal agencies will be available to assist attendees.

“These free events help the small business community in California,” said Board Member Leonard. “Having these government agencies all in one location giving out valuable information enables new small businesses to be created and to grow and I strongly encourage individuals to attend and bring their questions.”

Presentations include: Basic Sales and Use Tax, Financing Your Business, Writing a Business Plan, State Income Tax and Small Business, Succeeding in Home-Based Business, Contracting Opportunities, Marketing Your Business, Sales and Use Tax: How to Avoid Common Pitfalls, Better Business Through Better Records, and Employee or Independent Contractor.

“As a small business owner myself, I’m pleased to be able to offer this valuable free service to Californian businesses,” said Assemblyman Gaines. “Helping small businesses start and grow helps our economy, brings in more tax revenue to the state, and creates new opportunities for the region.”

Event: Small Business Fair
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (check-in at 8:30 a.m.)
Place: The Ridge
2020 Golf Course Road
Auburn, CA 95602
(Free Parking)

For more information, please call 888-847-9652 or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm or www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/Auburn%20SBF%20invite%20web.pdf.

Attendees can register online at: www.boe.ca.gov/cgi-bin/seminar.cgi?FLAG=83.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected as the Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002 and reelected in November 2006. Prior to his election, Bill Leonard served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

Dave Cox was elected to the State Senate in November of 2004. He represents the residents of the First Senate District, which includes all or portions of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Lassen, Placer, Plumas, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Sacramento and Sierra Counties. He serves as the Vice-Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Local Government Committee. He also serves on the following Committees: Banking, Finance and Insurance; Energy, Utilities and Communications; and Health. Prior to his public service, Cox started a successful small business in Sacramento.

Ted Gaines represents the people of the 4th Assembly District, taking in all or parts of Alpine, Placer, El Dorado and Sacramento County. Ted Gaines began his service in local government on the City of Roseville's Planning Commission from 1997 to 1999. He was then elected to the Placer County Board of Supervisors in 2000 and reelected in 2004. He served the people of Placer County on several key Board committees, as well as the Auburn Dam Coalition; Golden Sierra Job Training Partnership; Placer County Transportation Agency; Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG); and Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO).

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